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I thought that the presentation made to the General Purpose Committee from the representatives of Cowra, Lithgow and Oberon Councils gave good reasons as to why the people of Central Western New South Wales required improved access to Sydney and its facilities.

With increasing globalisation and competitiveness, there is obviously need for good and efficient access to ports and airports. The presentation also indicated the need for good access for the people of their region for a range of reasons including health, education and cultural.

At this time I recommend that the Council support the Central West Region Organisation of Councils in their position that improved access is needed for their communities and their produce to Sydney and its facilities and in this regard, the State and Federal Governments should assist by providing funding, initially for a proper assessment of what access can be provided and at what cost and then for its construction.

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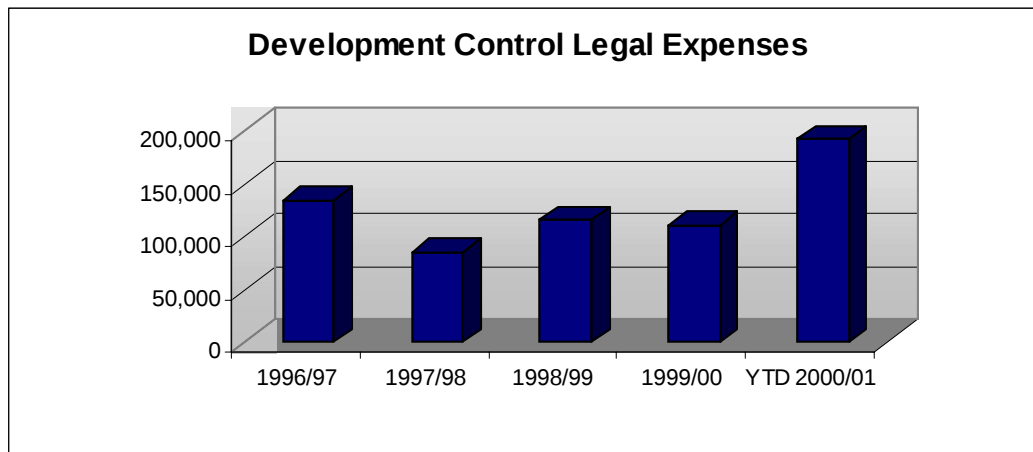
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ITEM: 26 Development Control Legal Expenses**FILE NUMBER:** GF004/003/FNC/ORB13LCX.F25**REPORT:**

As a result of a Question Without Notice from the General Purpose Committee on 30 January 2001, the following report on Development Control Legal Expenses is provided. The estimate for Development Control Legal Expenses has also been reported to Council as part of the December Quarterly Review with a recommendation to increase the already revised estimate by a further \$130,000. This will increase the adopted budget estimate by \$145,000 to a total of \$235,501. The following graph depicts the level of legal expenses on development control related issues for the last five (5) years.



It should be noted that the column representing 2000/2001 is for the six-month period to 31 December 2000. The following table breaks down legal expenditure for development control issues for 2000/2001 for the six-month period.

Sammut	70511.11
Stokman	39616.51
Segal	28,010.89
ADI	20889.44
Bird	12101.65
Rocky Hall Place	4450
Wilberforce Abattoir	3566.95
Gilling	2853.9
Higgins	1517.4
Elf	1048.25
Legal Opinions etc	5168.45
	189734.80

The combination of four significant cases, Sammut, Stokman, Segal and ADI in one year is unusual and has lead to the expenditure. Also, the Sammut case involved two appeals to the Land and Environment Court, likewise, the ADI case involved Council in defending itself against action taken by a third party. The ADI case is still ongoing. The table does not include expenses for the Pecks Road appeal which has only recently concluded.

This trend to increased appeals may continue as the expectation of the community changes and the acceptance of development diminishes.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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